

## BAMC Temporary Visitation Policy

The health and safety of our patients, visitors, staff, and our community remains a top priority at BAMC. As part of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have successfully implemented various measures to mitigate risk of exposure. Some of these important measures include restricting access points to the facility, screening of everyone entering, 100% source control with face coverings, and restricted patient visitation.

While we are confident this was the prudent posture to take, we recognize there are negative effects as well. Specifically, restricted visitation is impactful on everyone. Not only do visitors improve morale and provide comfort and relief to patients, there is also evidence to suggest that they improve health outcomes. Family members often play an integral part in our patients' ongoing treatment and recovery. Therefore, as we continue to monitor the prevalence and impact of disease, we are modifying the visitation policy. Effective immediately:

### For all patients and visitors:

- Everyone entering the facility will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Visitors who are sick will not be permitted to enter.
- Visitors may be re-screened at inpatient ward or clinic at the discretion of OIC/NCOIC.
- Everyone must wear a face covering according to current guidance.
- Everyone should still practice social distancing measures as appropriate.
- We encourage patients to remain closely connected to their loved ones through virtual means including Skype, FaceTime, Zoom, and phone. (NOTE: Please be careful not to impede healthcare, display HIPAA information, or include patients or other staff who have not consented to being filmed/photographed).

Pediatric inpatients (including NICU)	Up to 2 primary caregivers for neonatal and pediatric patients.
Cognitively impaired Adults (inpatient and outpatient)	May have one visitor where this visitor provides safety and is key to the patient's care.
Adult inpatients (including Critical Care and Med-Surg)	One designated visitor limited to one 2-hour visit per day
Adult inpatients at Discharge	One visitor who requires home caregiver training in anticipation of inpatient discharge. One visitor to accompany patients for hospital discharge, on the day of discharge. To the greatest extent possible, this visit should be limited to the 2 hours prior to discharge.
Adult and pediatric inpatients at end-of-life	Up to 2 visitors at a time for patients at end-of-life
Labor and Delivery (including postpartum)	One coach or partner for a patient on the labor and delivery.
Outpatient Surgery and Procedures	One visitor is allowed to accompany each patient to a procedure or same-day surgery
Outpatient Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pediatric patients may be accompanied by one adult caregiver. (For complex case management review, 2 primary caregivers may be required)</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors will not be permitted to accompany adult patients to their appointment, unless special assistance is needed</li> <li>• During the appointment, we encourage patients to keep in contact with family through virtual means if it facilitates evaluation and treatment.</li> </ul>
Emergency Department	Same as Outpatient Clinics

***\*This guidance is subject to change based on new or additional pertinent information.***